

December 20, 2011

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As I begin to develop my agenda as Governor-elect, the enormity of what we as a state are set to accomplish in the next four years is promising. The field is ripe for economic development, and during this time of record-low unemployment and a general uncertainty about our nation's future, economic development is more important than ever. I'm encouraged by the opportunities all around us to continue Mississippi moving in the right direction when it comes to job creation and economic growth.

To put us in the best position for that growth, Mississippi needs to be able to compete with states that have, historically, had an advantage in the area of technology. I know you're aware of the rapidly increasing burden on our nation's wireless infrastructure, and for a largely rural state like ours, it is critical that we find a long-term avenue to make broadband accessible and affordable for our citizens. Technology already exists that integrates satellite coverage with the broadband equation, and the result is just that: affordable access to broadband technology, even in the most rural of areas. It's apparent why companies like Mississippi-founded and based C-Spire have publicly partnered with LightSquared – the company leading the charge in developing this technology.

I realize every new opportunity comes with challenges, and I understand that there have been some questions about interference with existing GPS signals. It seems short-sighted, however, to throw in the towel before fully exploring every possible solution that will allow GPS and LightSquared's technology to co-exist.

Oh behalf of rural users all over our state, I would like to see the introduction of technology that gives Mississippians the same opportunities that folks in more urban areas have. LightSquared's integrated technology opens the gate to more jobs, better education, and improved access to information and technology; all while supporting a solution to the threat of a wireless infrastructure collapse. I encourage you to allow LightSquared to continue testing and resolve the necessary issues in order to get their product on the market.

Best regards,



Phil Bryant